

# Escrick Parish Council

Minutes of Escrick Parish Council monthly meeting held in The Wenlock Room at The Parsonage Hotel at 7pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025.

## Part 1

25208: **Welcome:** Chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

25209: **Apologies/Attendance:**

- a. Present: Cllr S Allen, Cllr Barber, Cllr Chambers (Chair), Cllr Fairbairn, Cllr Hawes and Cllr Hopkinson. Clerk; S Look. Members of the public.
- b. Apologies: Cllr Cunningham and Cllr King.

25210: **Declarations of Interests:** No declarations received.

25211: **Co-option of new councillor:** A member of the public expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council and will be co-opted at the December meeting.

25212: **Public correspondence received:**

- a. Request for the crown of the 3 Walnut trees along / over Halfpenny Close to be raised to 5.2 metres, i.e. street height, so as to facilitate access and prevent any further damage to vehicles. See item 25219b.
- b. Escrick Active Travel opportunity presented to City of York Council. A resident has given the Parish Council an update on his campaign to propose closing the 2-mile gap in the cycle network between Deighton and Fulford Interchange.
- c. Objections to Light Valley Solar proposals. Noted. See item 25222b.

25213: **Public session:**

- a. Member of the public expressed concerns that Wendlo House, 38 Main Street is being advertised as a 5-bedroom Air BnB. Resident raised concern about possible planning permission requirements for an Air BnB of that size and change of use. Access/parking issues also raised. Clerk to investigate if permissions are required and report back at the next meeting.
- b. Complaint about overgrown hedges belonging to two residential properties on the east side of the A19. Clerk to ascertain which properties they belong to and report back at the next meeting.

25214: **Updates from other authorities:**

- a. Divisional Councillor Cattanach not present. Cllr Cattanach sent councillors an update on the potential bus stop lighting options for the A19/Sang Thai stop. To be discussed at item 25223a.
- b. Community Police Support Officer. No updates received.

25215: **Minutes:**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

## Finance and Governance

25216: **Finance report:**

Account balances and reconciliation:

		Community account	BMM account
i	Account balances as at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2025:	£5298.94	£49379.74

ii	Payments made since last meeting:		
	R Rowson – Defibrillator pads	-£66.00	
	R Rowson – Microsoft 365 annual payment	-£138.24	
	Payments made since last meeting under clerks delegated powers:		
	HMRC – October payment	-£45.82	
	S Look – Clerks October salary	As agreed	
	S Look – October expenses	-£18.00	
iii	Internal Transfer:	Nil	
iv	Receipts:	Nil	
v	<b>Account balances as at 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025:</b>	<b>£4464.84</b>	<b>£49379.74</b>
vi	Routine payments to be made:		
	Unity monthly service charge	-£6.00	
vii	Purchases / exceptional payments to be approved and made:		
	PWLB loan payment	-£1467.74	

It was resolved to accept the payments as stated above.

## Maintenance

### 25217: Maintenance issues:

- Yorkshire Water contractors have been working on a burst pipe adjacent to the A19 near the south end village entrance sign. Area has been roughly reseeded by the contractors. Cllr Chambers has raked the area over. Grit bins have also been topped up.  
War memorial has been swept out in preparation for Remembrance Day.
- No progress on getting the bus shelters cleaned on the A19 near Sang Thai. Escalated complaint to Cllr Cattnach.

## Playing Field / Play Area

### 25218: Playing field update:

- Inspections done. Nothing to report.

## Village Green

### 25219: Village Green update:

- Village Green Association update given.
- Report received of three overgrown Walnut trees on the village green which are over hanging Halfpenny Close. This has been reported to the Village Green Association who are in the process of getting a professional assessment done in order to apply for relevant permissions to conduct any work if required. It was noted that the committee did apply to crown and lift the trees in 2023 but unfortunately Selby District Council refused the application. Await further update from the VGA.
- The VGA have put an application into NYC to fell the decayed Corkscrew Willow on the village green as recommended by a tree surgeon (planning reference ZG2025/1088/TCA). The committee have now cordoned off the area for safety reasons.
- Clerk to order of a Christmas Tree for the village green on behalf of the VGA.

## Planning

### 25220: Planning, new applications:

- No new planning applications received.

### 25221: Planning determinations:

- a. ZG2025/0338/FUL. Land Off, Carrs Meadow, Escrick. Erection of No. 8 dwellings and associated garages and landscape. REFUSED. A member of the public spoke on behalf of some of the residents of Carr Lane who were disappointed at the Parish Council response to the application. Suggestions made by member of the public regarding how the Parish Council should approach the planning application process in the future.

**25222: Other planning matters:**

- a. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan. No further update.
- b. Targeted consultation in place for Light Valley Solar focusing on 40 specific but minor changes to the proposals. Consultation runs until 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025. Clerk to seek clarification on exactly what the changes are and follow up on the previous queries the Parish Council made regarding Subgrade 3b on this Site. Monk Fryston Parish Council have contacted Escrick PC and the other affected parish councils to see if there is a benefit from a joined-up approach to a response to LVS's eventual application to the Planning Inspectorate for a development consent order. Clerk to clarify further details from them.
- c. ZG2023/1110/FUL: Post Office Row 7 Main Street Escrick. Planning enforcement issue raised regarding the unauthorised felling of a mature Cherry tree. Enforcement ref; 2025/0167/HTREE. No update.

## Highways items

**25223: Streetlighting:**

- a. Update given on the proposed lighting at the northbound bus stop of the A19 near Sangthai. Cllr Cattnach is investigating options with City of York Council Officers. CYC and NYC are talking to each other and working out how much an electricity supply to the shelters would cost. Clerk to follow up with CYC.

## Other items

**25224: Correspondence received:**

- a. YLCA; White Rose updates and training information noted.
- b. Parish Liaison update October 2025 noted.
- c. Mobile library service will start in the parish on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 11.30am until 12.30pm. It will park on Main Street and visit once a fortnight.
- d. FOI request made by the PC to North Yorkshire Police on the number of road traffic incidents reported on Skipwith Road. Between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 there has been 50 recorded 'road incidents' reported on the police database system under Skipwith Road and/or Mill Hill. A further search found there were 3 'road traffic reports' over the same time period for Skipwith Road or Mill Hill.

**25225: Comments from councillors and public present on agenda items:**

- a. Speeding concerns on Skipwith Road raised again.

**25226: Items for the next meeting:**

- a. The next monthly Parish Council meeting is to be held on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025**.

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**25227: Confidential items:**

- a. Resolved not to exclude Public and Press as no confidential items to be discussed.

**25228: Village Maintenance contract:**

- a. Quote for village maintenance contract for 2026/27 not yet received. To defer until the December meeting.

**25229: Budget 2026-27:**

a. Cllr Hawes highlighted the proposed budget/precept setting arrangements made by the Admin & Finance committee in preparation for December Parish Council budget meeting. It was proposed to keep the precept at the current rate for 2026/27.

Meeting closed at 20.15hrs.

Signed: T Chambers

Chair, Escrick Parish Council

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025